

THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018)

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 13 new Reception pupils and their families. We are sure you will join us in welcoming all our new pupils into our school community and wishing them every success here at Thurstonland First School.



Calendar dates

Tuesday 11 th September 4.00 – 5.00pm	Yrs 4 and 5 Cross Country Event at Thurstonland Recreation Ground
Thursdays commencing 13 th September 3:30 – 4:30pm	American Sports – Project Sport Participating pupils from Y3-5 (7 sessions)
Tuesday 18 th September 4.00 – 5.00pm	Yrs 2 and 3 Cross Country Event at Shepley First School
Tuesdays commencing 18 th September 3.30 – 4.30pm	Art Club – Jane Middleton Participating pupils from Y2-5 (6 sessions)
Friday 21 st September	PTA Starlight Clothing Collection – <i>further information to follow</i>
Tuesday 2 nd October 4.00 – 5.15pm	Yrs 4 and 5 Girls Football at Shelley College - <i>further information to follow</i>
Wednesday 17 th October	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 17 th October 9.30 – 12.00noon	Yr 2 Multiskills at Kirkburton Middle School - <i>further information to follow</i>
Tuesday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival – <i>further information to follow</i>
Tuesday 6 th November 4.00 – 5.30pm	Yrs 3, 4 and 5 Sports Hall Athletics at Kirkburton Middle School - <i>further information to follow</i>

School Term Dates for September 2018 – July 2019

	Schools closes at 3.30pm on	School opens at 9.05am
First day back		Tuesday 4 th September
October Half-Term	Friday 26 th October	Tuesday 6 th November
Christmas	Friday 21 st December	Monday 7 th January
February Half-Term	Friday 15 th February	Monday 25 th February
Easter 2019	Friday 12 th April	Monday 29 th April
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
Spring Bank	Thursday 23 rd May	Tuesday 4 th June
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July	



We will no doubt be adding to the diary dates in due course and will continue to use our regular newsletters (usually produced at least half-termly) to keep you updated on the majority of events going on.

We try to keep our letters to a minimum and to send them by email in order to save paper in line with our Eco School aims.

Letters will be sent via our letters@thurstonlandfirst.co.uk email address – please feel free to reply to the email regarding that particular event or activity.

General enquiries or information can be sent to the usual email address which is office@thurstonlandfirst.co.uk.

Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes in your personal information, such as e-mail address, contact numbers etc.

We will shortly be sending out an update form for you to check and sign before returning it to us (Year 1-5 pupils only).

Out of School Club

There is availability on all our sessions, apart from Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (which seem to be very popular!)

We are open Monday to Friday, 8.00 - 9.10am: £4.00 per child and Monday to Thursday, 3.30 - 5.45pm: £7.50 per child

Ad hoc sessions are also available at the same rate.

Please email oosc@thurstonlandfirst.co.uk to book a place or for further information.



Our school garden is also looking great thanks to the hard work of a number of families over the summer holidays who very kindly took turns to come in and do the gardening.

Thank you very much to all the families involved!

P.E. DAYS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please note the following P.E. days when your child will need their kit in school: -

Rec/Year 1: Thursday afternoons

Year 2/3: Tuesday afternoon & Friday afternoons

Year 4/5: Wednesday and Friday swimming

Please ensure that your child brings their named kit on the correct day

WHOLE SCHOOL THEATRE VISIT



We are very much looking forward to our theatre trip which will take place on the morning of **4th December**.

Just in case you are planning a festive theatre trip as a family and wish to avoid duplication school will be going to [Wakefield Theatre Royal](#) to watch '**Cinderella**'



Please help us in the school office by continuing to ensure that dinner money accounts are kept in credit at all times (meals should be paid for in advance not in arrears) and that milk money, any voluntary trip contributions and out of school clubs etc. are paid by the deadline given.

Letters have just been sent home for the activation of new accounts. If you need any help setting up your new account or experience any problems throughout the school year please contact Mrs Hirst or Mrs Hoogland in the office who will be happy to help.

DIARY DATES FOR UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

- Monday 17th September, 3.30pm PTA Meeting – All Welcome
Friday 21st September PTA Starlight Clothing Collection
Monday 8th October, 6.00pm PTA AGM Meeting – Please attend if you are able to
Tuesday 23rd October, 6.30pm Wigs & Wellies
Saturday 24th November, time TBC Christmas Fair
Wednesday 5th December Movie Night
Sunday 9th December Reindeer Run

Our popular Christmas Card fundraiser will be taking place. More details will follow closer to the time.

We will be putting together another cookbook of recipes – please get thinking about your wonderful recipes that you may like to share!



After School Clubs

There are 5 places left at the Art Club, which will be running for 6 sessions commencing Tuesday 18th September, 3.30 – 4.30pm. The cost of this club is £30 and it is open to pupils in years 2-5.

There are 8 places left on the American Sports Club run by Project Sport. This club will commence on Thursday 13th September, 3.30-4.30pm and will run for 7 weeks. The cost of the club is £21 and is open to pupils in years 3, 4 and 5.

*If you would like a place on either of the clubs for your child/ren please contact the school office. The remaining places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that **payment must be made by Tuesday 11th September**. If payment is not made your child's place may be withdrawn.*

Reminders

Just a polite reminder that the disabled toilet in the entrance is for adult use only. Children requiring the use of the facilities must use the pupil toilets in the main school building.

Could parents please ensure that all clothing is labelled clearly with their child's name. It's the first week of term and we already have items of lost clothing that cannot be returned to their owners.

Thurstonland Community Choir



*Rehearsals 7.30 – 9.00pm every Thursday from 6th September
St Thomas's Church, Thurstonland
No previous experience necessary, £2 weekly to cover costs*

YOUR GALA (AND SCHOOL) NEED



We are losing 3 members of the school representatives on the gala committee this year & need new members.

Please come & join us!

It's worthwhile, fun & yes, hard work!

YOU!

Please contact Marianne Wood 07899 912313



Uniform Exchange is a Kirklees based charity, set up to supply local families with free, good quality, recycled school uniform. Any family in Kirklees who needs financial support buying school uniform is welcome to request uniform, free of charge. Forms are available on the website www.uniform-exchange.com or from the schools, children's centres, community hubs and many libraries.

If you know of any children who might benefit from the items in stock please do not hesitate to pass on the details of the charity to the family. Uniform Exchange aim to deliver requested items to any school or library, within a week of the order or sooner in case of emergencies.